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Railway Projects in Border Areas
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details about the railway projects being undertaken in border areas;

(b) whether there are certain impediments in completing those projects leading to prolonged delay;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also faced cost variance due to the delay of these border projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): As on 01.04.2015, 23 new lines, 12 gauge conversion and 7 doubling projects have been undertaken which are near International Borders of our country. Completion of these projects are affected by impediments like (i) land acquisition, (ii) forestry & wild life clearances, (iii) shifting of services, (iv) construction of road over and road under bridges by road maintaining agencies (v) law & order issues and (vi) availability of funds etc. As many of these factors are not within the control of Railways, most of the ongoing projects are facing time and cost overrun. However, it is Railways' endeavour to complete the ongoing projects expeditiously.

Measures taken to expedite completion of projects include substantial increase in allocation of funds, prioritization of projects, delegation of powers at field level, inviting the State Governments to participate with Railways for resource mobilization for projects, nomination of nodal officers for improved co-ordination with the State Governments etc.
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